

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: July 26, 2007

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:26 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Vernon Brown
Sherron Franklin
Lynn McWhirter
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman
Cherrish Pryor

Absent Members

Scott Schneider

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 307, 2007 - approves an increase of \$569,360 in the 2007 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Federal Grants and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds), for 2007-2008 Urban Search and Rescue Task Force operations, financed by grants from the US Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 308, 2007 - appropriates \$375,579 in the 2007 Budget of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (Federal Grants and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds) to purchase 12 cameras for the Indianapolis Marion County Camera Project and to fund overtime for the Fatal Crash Reduction Effort and the High-Risk Robbery Initiative
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 309, 2007 - appropriates \$3,488,171 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund juvenile and adult community corrections programs during the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, financed by a grant from the Indiana Department of Corrections
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

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The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, July 26, 2007. Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Sherron Franklin, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, and Cherrish Pryor. Absent was Councillor Scott Schneider.

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Debra Holly, Task Force Grant Manager, said they received an award for \$770,500; however, they are only appropriating \$569,360 and the balance will go toward salary and benefits in 2008. She said \$559,687 is for program staffing, medical screening for the task force personnel, and covers supplies and utilities. Thirty thousand five hundred and five dollars (\$30,505) will go towards training, \$27,482 is for equipment acquisition, and \$159,000 is for storage and maintenance. She added the storage and maintenance covers their lease agreement for the Task Force facility.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 307, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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John Ball, Director of the Marion County Emergency Management Agency, said they are requesting to move funds from Character 02 and 03 to Character 04. The money is from the United States Department of Homeland Security Buffer Zone Protection Plan dollars. He said they have been before the committee in the past about the implementation of the surveillance camera system and how they are used to protect critical infrastructure sites against attacks. Mr. Ball said the 12 requested cameras will also be placed in critical infrastructure sites.

Councillor Brown asked if the cameras downtown came from the same pool of money as the requested 12 cameras. Mr. Ball said the money to fund cameras came from a one year grant for buffer zones and other cameras were funded by other Homeland security grants. Councillor Brown asked if the cameras that are put into the community are funded by another pool of funds. Mr. Ball replied in the affirmative and said the city is currently working on a proposal to request neighborhood cameras. Councillor Brown

asked if Homeland security funding goes towards cameras downtown and soft targets. Mr. Ball replied in the affirmative and said Homeland Security has several risk factors they use to determine where the risk factors in each city will be.

Councillor McWhirter asked how many cameras are in the city currently. Mr. Ball said there are 21 cameras downtown, four others from a separate buffer zone grant, and the 12 they are requesting now makes a total of 37 cameras. Councillor McWhirter asked if the cameras are monitored 24 hours. Mr. Ball said not at this time. The desire is to have them monitored 24 hours and they are working with the city on staffing levels and the money needed to pay staff.

Councillor Pryor asked if the majority of cameras cover infrastructure. Mr. Ball said the 12 cameras requested will cover infrastructure. Councillor Pryor asked if the cameras will cover businesses. Mr. Ball said they determine where cameras go by the risk factors given by Homeland Security. Councillor Pryor asked if there has been discussion with private industries that receive coverage by these cameras regarding staffing the cameras or covering some of the cost. Mr. Ball replied in the affirmative and said the city, state, and Homeland Security Department have worked with the owners of the facilities. Generally, it is the private industry's responsibility to have sound policies and needed equipment.

Councillor Brown requested a camera at 42nd and Post Road when one becomes available. Mr. Ball said they are aware of that area.

Robert Yahara, citizen, spoke in favor of the proposal and said other countries use surveillance cameras much more than the U.S. and terrorists have been arrested or prevented from terrorist activity with the use of these cameras.

Marianne Greve, Grant Coordinator, spoke on the Fatal Crash Reduction Effort and said funding for this is from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). The appropriation is in the amount of \$128,522 to fund overtime and with the overtime their efforts will focus on decreasing overall crashes, fatalities, injuries, and compliance of safety laws. She said the High-Risk Robbery Initiative is also funded by ICJI with the requested appropriation in the amount of \$38,119. The focus will be on the northwest district (along the 38th Street corridor and surrounding areas) and will IMPD will use current crime data approach. She said \$26,000 of the funding will be used for overtime and \$12,119 will be used for crime analysis.

Councillor Oliver asked where the focus will be on W. 38th Street. Major Ciesielski said the focus will be from W. 38th Street and Lafayette Road to E. 38th and I465. He said they are not exclusively focusing on an area because they are using the crime analysis on a daily basis to determine where the crime is occurring.

Councillor Brown asked if similar efforts will be done in other districts. Ms. Greve said she can only assume other districts will be the focus with additional grant money.

Councillor Pryor moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 308, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Brian Barton, Director of Community Corrections, said the grant has already been approved by the Council and he is now requesting to appropriate the funds. He said the money will represent a two percent increase with personnel costs. Department of Correction (DOC) has kept all funding levels the same from this year and the last fiscal year; however, they are addressing special needs and he hopes to come before the committee with more money to appropriate. He said the requested appropriation is for juvenile programs with the home detention programs and the remaining funds will be used for adult programs.

Councillor Oliver asked if the funding is for early releases of juveniles. Mr. Barton said the juvenile portion of the appropriation is \$253,700. That will be used for the juvenile home detention program, which is used to keep juveniles out of the Marion County Juvenile Center and juvenile center at DOC. Councillor Oliver asked how the adult section of the grant works. Mr. Barton said approximately a million dollars is dedicated for re-entry and the remaining funds are for diversion (programs to keep adults from going to prison). Councillor Oliver asked if there is a set amount of days for these program releases. Mr. Barton replied in the affirmative and said it is governed by state statute and is from 60 to 180 days (based on the charge). Councillor Oliver asked what the various levels of programs are. Mr. Barton said there is work release and home detention with the goal of putting them back into the community. Councillor Oliver asked what programs adults are receiving in the prison system before Community Corrections receives them for re-entry. Mr. Barton said there have been great strides with re-entry and Community Corrections receive people in various stages. He said Community Corrections assesses each individual to see where they are and where they need to be in order to be a better citizen when they enter back into the community.

Mr. Yahara said in life there are some things that are forbidden, and we all need to learn to obey the laws. He said more role models need to be involved in the community and getting children on the right track.

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Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Pryor, to send Proposal No. 309, 2007 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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